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- 1. USUN HAS RECEIVED QUERIES FROM WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) REPRESENTATIVE DR. CHARLES ROSS-SMITH, BASED IN SUVA, AND FROM A UNDP OFFICER IN NEW YORK, RAISING CERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN THOSE TWO UN AGENCIES AND THE NMI.
- 2. FOR SUVA: NMI IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WHO,

WHICH IS OPEN ONLY TO "STATES." HOWEVER, PARTICIPATION IN WHO PROGRAMS CONTINUES TO BE POSSIBLE BUT IT MUST BE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF TTPI SINCE NMI REMAINS A PART OF THE TTPI. UNTIL THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NMI IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE US COMES INTO FORCE, THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NMI AND WHO CONTINUES TO BE VIA THE TTPI HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO FORWARDS REQUESTS AND INQUIRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (WHICH WILL MAKE LATERAL REFERRAL TO HEW). RESPONSES FROM WASHINGTON GO TO TTPI. TTPI COORDINATES WITH NMI AND RESPONDS TO WHO. AFTER COMING INTO FORCE OF COVENANT, NMI WILL BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE

IN WHO ACTIVITIES ON SAME BASIS AS OTHER SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES, SUCH AS GUAM. FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO EXCHANGE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR WHO, MANILA, ON CERTAIN STRICTLY TECHNICAL WHO PROGRAM MATTERS, WITH COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE GOING TO DEPARTMENTS OF HEW, STATE, AND INTERIOR, MOREOVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT USUALLY INVITES GUAM TO PROVIDE A MEMBER OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WPRO.

3. FOR USUN: GUIDANCE ON UNDP ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN IN REF B, WHICH IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU SEPARATELY. VANCE

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